

Table 5.

Change in Poverty During Income Years Surrounding Recessions: 1969 to 2009

(Numbers in thousands. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar10.pdf)

Recessions ¹	Income years	Change in number of people in poverty	Change in poverty rate	Change in number of children in poverty	Change in child poverty rate
December 2007, trough not yet defined	2007 to 2009	*6,293	*1.9	*2,127	*2.7
March 2001 to November 2001	1999 to 2002	*1,779	0.2	-147	-0.4
July 1990 to March 1991	1989 ² to 1991	*3,293	*1.2	*1,187	*1.7
January 1980 to July 1980 and July 1981 to November 1982	1978 to 1983	*10,806	*3.9	*3,980	*6.4
November 1973 to March 1975	1973 to 1975	*2,904	*1.2	*1,462	*2.7
December 1969 to November 1970	1969 to 1971	*1,412	0.4	*860	*1.3

* Statistically different from zero at the 90 percent confidence level.

¹ Recessions are determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a private research organization.

² For comparability purposes, the 1989 poverty rate used in this calculation (13.1 percent) is based on data that reflect the implementation of the 1990 decennial census population controls. This poverty rate is different from the poverty rate shown in Table B-1, which is based on 1980 census population controls.

Note: Income years are based on peak income year prior to or during the start of the recession and the trough income year near or after the end of the recession.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1970 to 2010 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.